Americans Offer \$20,000,000 for German Liners for Trade

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FIRST BIG BATTLE OF WAR IS ON; STARTS WITH ARTILLERY DUEL

\$20,000,000 CASH OFFERED FOR 15 BIG GERMAN LINERS TIED UP IN AMERICAN PORTS

Hamburg-American Officials Admit They Are Considering Sale of Ships.

VATERLAND INCLUDED.

Promoters Plan to Use Them on Atlantic Under the Ameri-

can Flag.

Fifteen steamships of the Hamregister and operate them in the transatiantic and South American rade under the American flag. Inuded in the list is the Vaterland of 54,282 tons, the largest steamship in

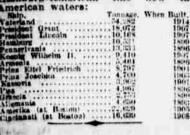
the ships in American waters had up at the docks at Hoboken and the other two are in Boston.

Julius P. Meyer, Secretary of the Hamburg-American line, is now in Washington in consultation with Government officials and prominent American bankers and business men over the matter of an American merchant marine. Mr. Meyer, together with Karl Buenz, general manager; William G. Sickel, President, and Emil Lederer, a director, hold a power of attorney from the parent company authorizing them to dispose of the

ships of the line or any part of them. With all its vessels in port tied up and its vessels at sea in danger of capture by English or French warships the Hamburg-American line is in a bad way. The loss attending the idleness of a ship like the Vaterland alone is enormous. And while the ships are fied up they are suffering deterioration

There are many American stockholders in the Hamburg-American Line. It is possible that these, with other American financiers, may form company to take over the German ships for American register. However the Government would scrutinize the transaction very carefully and would insist that the transfer be bona fide and that there be a guarantee that the vessels involved would never be turned over again to Germany's mer-

By the acquisition of the Hamburg American ships now in New York and Boston the American merchant marine would enjoy an increase of nearly 200,000 tons. Some of the vestels are already equipped for tropical service and could be put into South American trade without delay. Following are the steamships of the Hamburg-American line now in American waters:



BROOKES LEADS WILLIAMS IN FIGHT FOR DAVIS CUP

Australian Outplays American in First Two Sets of Final Match.

Williams won the third set, 10 to

FOREST HILLS, L. L. Aug. 15. The third and final day's play for the Davis cup between Australia and the United States brought out the greatest crowd here this afternoon that ever witnessed a tennis match in this or any other country. Before Norman Brookes and R

Norris Williams started their match more than 13,000 were shoe-horned in the towering stands while hundreds, after offering fabulous prices for trances. Several adventurous young sters, unable to get the coveted tickets, climbed to the top of high trees behind the east stands. The deciding matches were singles between Williams and Brookes and McLoughlin and Wilding.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- President

Wilson to-day formally disapproved

of the plans of American bankers

floating loans in the United States for

the benefit of selligerent countries of

to loans made to neutral countries.

A formal statement to this effec

was prepared for issue through the

State Department later to-day. The

mention of neutral countryles in the

expression from the American Gov-

ernment was made because it is un-

ierstood Switzerland is endeavoring

to float a big loan in the United

States. The Swiss Charge d'Affaires

had a conference with Secretary

Bryan to-day but declined to discuss

The rejection of the proposal that

USE IT AS A HOSITAL

MEADVILLE, Pa., Aug. 15 .- The main

third, Time, 1:28 1-5.

his visit.

The aristocratic Long Island sum mer colony argued in the gallery before the play commenced, with just Europe, but expressed no objection mere tennis fans whether Williams and McLoughlin would success in preventing the Davis cup going abroad this year.

Australia, with a lead of two matches to one, needed only one more match to win the international series and the historic trophy and everyone from the millionaire enthusiaste down to the boys hoped against hope that Williams would catch up with his best game and polish off the

Before the opening match there were brilliant scenes in the hand-

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World's branch offices.

plant of the Spirella Corset Company, an American concern, at Duesseldorf, Ger The New York World's list of many, has been seized by the German Government and turned into a hospital, according to privte advices received to-day by President W. W. Kincaid. 20,000 Americans held up in London owing to the European war has been prepared in convenient form for those who may be inter WINNERS AT SARATOGA. ested. It will be sent by mail upon receipt of two cents to cover post-FIRST RACE-Armament, 10 to igo, or may be had at any of The to 1 and 2 to 1, first; Mary War-

BELGIAN TROOPS IN TRENCHES IN THE WHEATFIELDS



PUSHES FORWARD TO OUTFLANK BELGIANS

Brussels Reports Great Artillery Duel and a Clash Between Cavalry Forces-Kaiser's Army Believed to Be Trying to Drive the Left Wing of the Belgian Forces Back on Antwerp.

"ON TO BRUSSELS NOW," THE ORDER FROM BERLIN

Belgian Line Extends From Diest to Near Namur, While the British and French Armies Centre at Gembloux-British War Office Reports That the French Domi-

NEGRO CONFESSES ATTACK

Confirms Every Detail of Story Told by Little Catherine Larkin, Whom He Thought Dead Until He Got in Court.

Catherine Larkin into the public school

developed taking the sting out of the blazing sun much to the relief of the sun-baked gallery.

At 2.15, Brookes wearing his favorite grey cap, followed by Williams, strolled out from the club house and lost little time getting down to practice.

BROOKES'S SERVICE FOOLED AMERICAN.

Brookes began serving and fooled Williams twice. He kept on and made it a love game from the American.

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William, putting great power in his server, lost the first point, but made it it is all when Brookes netted a re
(Continued on Sporting Page.)

Standard Prevaled that certain private interests had approached them concerning a possible loan to France.

Survice of the sun-baked gallery.

Aug. 10, made a complete confession to District-Attorney Frank Martin of Bronx County this afternoon. The confession bears out every detail of the stroy told by the little girl to her made early to learn the attitude of the story told by the little girl to her made to see it.

Brookes began serving and fooled Williams twice. He kept on and made it a love game from the schoolouse, and made it a love game from the school but is still confined to her home, at No. 5751 Broadway, but she is recovering from her injuries and the shock of her experience. Webb knew that she was serving and fooled to her home, at No. 5751 Broadway, but she is recovering from her injuries and the shock of her experience. Webb knew that she was serving and fooled to her home, at No. 5751 Broadway, but she is recovering from her injuries and the shock of her experience. Webb knew that she was string and to choke her harded and supposed she was dead until he was arraigned in court two days ago and heard or choke her harded and to choke her harded and the confession to be in the color to be supposed she was dead until the afternoon of aug. 10, made a complete confession to be confession to be in the choke of the street. I knew she was a live of the street. I knew she was a still confined to her home, at No. 57

Webb dictated a long and circumstantial statement of his crime, saying that his conscience troubled him and he wanted to relieve his mind so-

George Webb, the West Indian said Webb, in substance. "All of Thursday night I was drinking in a Harlem saloon. I went up to the school at 6.30 o'clock in the were brilliant scenes in the hand-some club house where society folk float a loan for belligerent countries street and Kingsbridge avenue on gave numerous luncheons.

Toward game time a lively breeze P. Morgan & Co., in which they statdeveloped taking the sting out of ed that certain private interests had in the cellar until the afternoon of down in the yard with a pail for

supposed she was dead until he was arraigned in court two days ago and heard Capt. Wines of the Bronx Detective Bureau say she was alive.

Webb's nerve broke down at 10 o'clock to-day and he notified Sheriff O'Brien that he wanted to see the District-Attorney. The Sheriff hurried him to Mr. Martin's office, where to resist me to raise arms, but she was very strong and I had to choke her harder and harder. When she grew limp I dragged her downstairs and threw her into the pipe vauit. I was afraid she was dead.

"I listened for heart beats and couldn't feel any. Then I bit her arm until the blood came and she came to She was too weak to resist me

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"I didn't know what to do with her. I left her there that day and night

BRUSSELS, Aug. 15.-[United Press]-Almost continuous cannonading from the direction of the front indicated to-day that the general German assault on the Belgian line began at daybreak. Captured German officers admit that the General Staff is willing to sacrifice 100,000 men to carry the Belgian positions and to take

The early fighting was reported as in the nature of a long range artillery duel under cover of which the German infantry was being slowly moved forward, entrenching as it came.

This early action was supplemented by the Belgian cavalry. which assumed the offensive in the region between Tirlemont and Hasselt, attacking a German cavalry column which was reconnoitring toward the former city. In the fighting that followed the Germans were driven back with loss.

The German infantry is moving forward in an effort to envelop the extreme left wing of the allied army to the south by east of

It is admitted that a general attack in force may already be in progress, the officials believing that the German objective is to penetrate the line of the allies and to drive the left wing back on

Belgians Report German Losses

The artillery fire of the allied army is said to have proved effective and the Germans, in attempts to carry the outposts at the point of the bayonet, have been driven back in disorder, leaving many dead behind.

Belgian and French aviators familiar with every inch of the (Continued on Second Page.)

looking for her. They asked me if I glad she is alive, and I am very sorry of Kingsbridge to outspoken is had seen her. From that time on for what I did."

They are to hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon o'clock, when they will demand the school, he o'clock, when they will demand the school, he o'clock, when they will demand the school of the school o and the wanted to relieve his mind so the time and was dazed. Finally I the schoolhouse. I never got a decided for would give her something decided for would give her something eek," he said.

"That was getting ready to leave town.

"Just when I was getting ready to "That was my finish. I thought she was dead when they found her. I am "The crime has aroused the people amined as to their characters."

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